(b) the action being taken by the Government to repair the same and to ensure their proper maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Surface damages/rain cut occured at placed over the National Highway net work in U.P.

(b) During 1995-96, 25 Nos. of estimates totalling to Rs. 276.29 lakhs were sanctioned. However during 1996-97, road damage repair estimates of about Rs. 350.00 lakhs for U.P. State are likely to be approved subject to the availability of funds.

Norms for Admission in Private Institutions

2435. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UGC has drafted a new regulation for admissions and fee structure of self-financing courses in private non-aided professional institutions; and

(b) if so, the details of the same and the time by which they are likely to be finalised and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Financial Assistance to Karnataka Hospitals

2436. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have provided any financial assistance to the Karnataka Government for procurement of essential medicines and other essential equipments for eliminating paucity of these in many Government Hospitals in the State;

(b) if so, the quantum assistance provided therefor;

(c) whether the said money has been properly and fully utilised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, World Bank has sanctioned in June, 1996, the State Health Systems Project in Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 546 crores to strengthen the health set-up at the secondary level in the State and to provide the necessary linkages from Community level to District level hospitals. As part of the project amongst other assistance, some drugs, equipment and material will be provided to the identified hospitals.

Small Dam Scheme

2437. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the activities anti to big dam are urging the Government to prepare small dam schemes to connect river water of States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) There have been a few cases of protests against construction of large dams in India on grounds of rehabilitation and environmental issues. However, the present strategy in Water Resources Development in the country is based on a mix of options consisting of large, medium and small surface water storage, diversion and lift schemes, ground water development through deep/shallow tubewells and open wells and micro watershed development schemes. Each of the above mentioned options has its own place and a judicious mix of all these options is needed for the optimum utilisation of water resources in the country.

Mahila Samridhi Yojana

2438. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of women who have opened accounts under Mahila Samridhi Yojana and total quantum of money deposits by them, as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have formuated any policy to make the rural women professionally self-reliant and prosperous;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the same is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) to (d) No such policy has been prepared.

Statement

(As on 31.1.97)

Rank	States/UTs	No. of A/cs opened (fig. in lacs)	Amount Deposited (in crores)
1	2	3	4
A. States			
1.	Assam	14.73	10.53
2.	Madhya Pradesh	34.04	17.28